GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6615
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SCRAPPING OF PALACE ON WHEELS TRAINS
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to scrap the Palace on Wheels due to high and recurring loss to the Railways ;

(b) if so, the losses suffered by the Railways during the last three years ;

(c) the number of passengers carried by the Railways on the Palace on Wheels trains ;

(d) whether any proposal to study the ways to reduce the losses; and

(e) if so, the details of the financial implications of running this train?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIST RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) A total no. of 13658 tourists have so far traveled on the Broad Gauge Palace on Wheels during the period 1995-96 to 2000-01.

(d) & (e) Do not arise.